

THE

TINAMOU

FIFTY!

Finally got there! Here we are again from sunny Preston (with the miracle 't' ingredient this month). As ever, this is Bob Brown of 53 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston PR2 4SS welcoming you aboard and hoping that you are at one with the world. Telephone Preson (ha I spoke too soon!) Preston 863459 (home) or 51831 ext 219 (work) to give me orders or to just have a chat if you've nothing better to do. Price - cost of postage only.

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DEADLINES

En Garde to Dave Waring by Saturday 5th of May
RT 53 B and RT 66 B to David Watts by the same date
All the rest to me and Ron by Friday 11th of May

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Miscellaneous Excuses etc

Where should I begin? Ah, yes - the Irish postal strike. This seems to be continuing, and, as a consequence, Cybercrud 4 and RT 81 K have to be held over. Apologies to the players, but the circumstances are beyond our control. The En Garde will be going out to the players direct from Dave Waring as he has been too busy to get it to me in time to type it up. The next question which you are going to ask is 'where is the Supplement'. Well my pretties, it isn't. With nothing from Michael or Ron, I didn't feel that I could produce something worthwhile on my own (not least because I had seen quite a bit of my likely material appearing elsewhere of recent) so I didn't bother. I doubt that there will be another supplement as such with the present calls on our time. To try to atone for the lack, I am charging postage only (well 10p) for this issue and will do the same every five issues or so rather than return to the 1p per side job again.

I've been able to produce this issue at a very leisurely pace over Easter, but I don't like having so much time to put the zine together. I tend to get lazy and the situation hasn't been helped by the late orders from various people. I like to hang on for orders as long as I can, so you should always give me a call if you've forgotten to get your orders in by the deadline. Having been lazy, I've not put quite as much in this issue as I had intended, but it just means that I can use the material in a later issue. You will note that an updated set of House Rules and Railway Rivals rules are included with this issue and I would like to draw your attention to the revised rules about the possible use of standbys in certain cases. I've had this extra time because the Poly is closed today (Tuesday) - hence this issue will get to you a day later than normal.

Looking through my file of past issues, I noticed that I don't have a copy of the very first issue of The Tinamou. Does anyone out there have one that I can borrow to take a photocopy of? It was quite nostalgic looking back at the first issues which were produced by David Noble and it was pleasing to see that a fair number of the very first subscribers are still with us - good on yer gents. Looking in to the future, I am pleased to say that everything looks stable for the foreseeable future. I was a bit afraid that the pending 'happy event' was going to really throw a spanner into the works, but apart

from my being evicted from my little room where I keep my files, typewriter, games etc to make way for junior, Jane and I have come to an amicable agreement which allows me to produce The Tinamou without any undue hassle. It is still my intention to slowly lop off a few of the games, but these rumours about us folding are just so much garbage. We will be continuing on our leisurely way much the same as we have been since I took over nearly three years ago. Thumbing through the back issues, I couldn't help but notice the games of Interstellar which we have run now and then. I still retain my enthusiasm for this variant, but have neither played in, nor run, a game which hasn't been spoiled by drop-outs. If five reliable people requested to play it, I would probably run it despite my stated intention not to run any more variants until one finishes. What I will offer before long (probably, no certainly, when Cybercrud 3 finishes) is an all-winners game. I'm sure that there are enough winners of Tinamou games to populate this, especially if we throw it open to those that have participated in a draw too. As the zine's 'showpiece' game, I will be running a bourse alongside the game. OK, consider the list for this game open, but I make no guarantee that it will start immediately.

Don and I had a go at a couple of new (to me, anyway) games yesterday. We started off with a look at 'The War of the Ring' which is based on the 'Lord of the Rings'. We only played the character game ie the Fellowship vs the Nazgul, but there is a full campaign to go along side this. The artwork is absolutely superb, but the actual game isn't the greatest thing since sliced bread. My Fellowship all stayed together and after moving through Moria and chopping a renegade troll, we visited Lothlorien and travelled in elven boats to the Falls of Rauros. We then made a forced march across the Dead Marshes (sustained by lembas) and scaled the mountain range between Minas Morgul and Cirith Ungol. The latter came as a bit of a shock to the nasties, who didn't have much joy when battle was fought in the Cracks of Doom. We lost Frodo and Gandalf, but Aragorn was able to cast the ring into Mount Doom over the dead bodies of the Lord of the Nazgul, Gothmog and three other Nazgul. We then moved on to take a look at 1812 - a recreation of the wars of 1812/13/14 between the Anglo/Canadians and the USA. The clever idea behind this is a very good hidden movement system. Sorry, let me clarify that. You can see what your opponent is moving, but not what strength the pieces are - this is only revealed when combat takes place. I got wiped out in one year in the first game, but managed a draw in the second. I can see us playing this game quite a lot.

LepreCon by James O'Fee

The rash of recent conventions must be an encouraging trend and may owe something to the success of PolyCon. LepreCon (not LeperCon as one uncharitable pen had it) had much going for it. Taking place in the architectural glories of Trinity College, Dublin, surrounded by Dublin's famed publand the situation could hardly have been more attractive. Full-length pictures of bearded Victorian worthies graced the walls of the convention rooms, making them the most atmospheric I have known. The weather that week-end was very kind which made a change from the severe winter. One surprising feature, which other convention organisers may like to copy, was the free beer available for all on the Friday evening - I kid you not.

A sizeable cross-channel contingent attended. One of them was Chris Tringham, I felt sure, but his name badge informed the world that he answered to 'Hamish'. Hamish smoked a foot-long pipe on occasion, so I don't suppose it can have been Chris after all. Oh yes, name badges, beautifully designed, but why did they carry a Snoopy motif rather than the Leprecaun which would have been so much more appropriate?

The organisers had great ambitions in terms of organisation. There were talks by Lew Pulsipher and Der Garvey. There was a Diplomacy tournament and a popular D&D competition. These did not seem to interfere with the games-playing and the general socialising.

I got a chance to play 'Conclave', the Dublin group's game. The Dubliners certainly put a great deal of effort into the hobby and 'Conclave' is equipped with three boards and a number of beautifully-painted cardinal figurines. The game usually ends with everyone calling out the name of their candidate for Pope among much general mirth.

Very successful, everyone seemed to agree. I take it we can look forward next year to LepreCon II to mop up some more of the loose cash which seems to be burning holes in Trinity College's coffers.

Music Quiz

Ron-the-one and I thought that we'd hit you with a little quizzy-poo to give you the opportunity to regain some of the pennies that you have spent on The Tinamou in the past. The person getting the most correct will receive £2 added to his/her credit and if anyone gets them all correct, I'll make that £5! Answers to me (Bob) please by the deadline for T 52.

1. Who?

- a) Should be rolling down the skyway on my cosmic wheels?
- b) Is always crashing in the same car?
- c) Travelled from Rochdale to Ocho Rios and back (via Dorking)?
- d) Listens to the wind, the wind of my soul?
- e) Says that it's not easy being green?
- f) Has got a dog like a two ton frog called 'some control'.

2. Babies. Who sings and on what record?

- a) Baby driver.
- b) Baby friend of mine.
- c) Voodoo chile.
- d) Mother's lament.
- e) Baby I'm gonna leave you & I can't quit you baby ((make up your mind!!))
- f) "My baby's pretty fast, But her mother's even faster on the draw".

3. Miscellany

- a) Complete the following:

Freud's mystic world of meaning needn't have us mystified,
It's really very simple what the psyche tries to hide.
A thing's a phallic symbol if it's - - - -.

- b) What should one do "when the music's over"? Who says so?
- c) What does SWALBR stand for?
- d) Why didn't Pressed Rat and Warthog want to close down their shop?
- e) What is the recent connection between Paganini and Jesus Christ?
- f) Complete the following:

Yesterday, a morning came,
A smile upon your face
If the summer changed to winter
- - - -

- 4. What is the connection between Joe Egan and Sherlock Holmes?
- 5. What is the connection between Thin Lizzy's "Live & Dangerous" album and Graham Parker and the Humour?
- 6. Who took the last train to San Tropez?
- 7. Who said "Buy me a ticket on the last train home tonight"?
- 8. Who wrote the soundtrack for the film 'O Lucky Man'?
- 9. What is the connection between 'Sky Rockets' and PM's ecstasy?
- 10. What line follows the line:- "Had a laugh and over dinner"?
- 11. Who was not in love, but open to persuasion?
- 12. Which song, by whom, contains the line: "I said 'Far out - waht a day, a year, a life it is!'"?
- 13. Who wrote the song whose first line is : "The City Streets are empty now"?
- 14. What connects Mike Parkinson, Clement Freud and John Conteh?
- 15. "When I try to explain how I feel, That I still need your love after all that I've done, You won't believe me." Who is singing, and to whom?
- 16. Who was "lying in a burned-out basement"?
- 17. What is the connection between Stud and Rod Stewart?
- 18. Who was lead singer with Dada and Vinegar Joe?
- 19. Who did Steve Howe play with before joining Yes?
- 20. What is the connection between Salisbury Hill and Broadway?
- 21. What is the connection between a lonely boy and a friend?
- 22. Which song features a disco in Mexico, a resprayed Morris van and Carlisle?
- 23. TIEBREAKER:- How many derogatory remarks can you make (about the statement) using the letters of:

"The Brotherhood of Man are the epitome of creative British musicianship"
(Four letter words preferred!)

GEORDIECON

GeordieCon is for 1979 what PolyCon was for last year and I hope that you will all support it as well as you did last year. The venue is the Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay from the 7th to the 9th of September.

Willy Haughan is the nominal organiser of the Con, but requests for details, and bookings should be sent to Ian Waugh, 13 Briardene Drive, Wardley, Tyne & Wear NE10 8AJ. The Rex is a large hotel with the advantage that the bar is open for the residents for as long as there are people who want to pour ~~alcohol~~ ale down their thirsty gullets. Single rooms are £7 per night for B&B and a shared twin room is £6 per night for B&B. Morning coffee 75p, Lunch £3, high tea 75p and dinner £3 all sound a bit expensive with the exception of the last but can all be booked. I expect that I will suit myself as far as meals are concerned (with the exception of breakfast, of course). Bookings (with a minimum of one third of the total as deposit) should be sent to Ian with the rest due by July 31st.

Whitley Bay is a seaside town with the sort of amenities that you would expect for such a place and Newcastle is eight miles away (is that all??) if you need a bit of masochism and Newcastle Utd are at home - united! what a name - Newcastle disjointed would be more appropriate. The organisers are keen to hear from anyone that might be interested in running a tournament of any kind and I would expect that there would be a Diplomacy tournament as normal.

Ron and I will be there, probably travelling over early on Saturday. We'll try and drag the miserable Soak along with us, but the thought of that ever-open bar does tend to discourage me somewhat. I look forward this year to actually being able to play the old game and meet people to talk to them rather than the 'hello, goodbyes' of last year. I am particularly fond of people that come up to me with the idea of tendering money and/or beverages. I will be being 'elitist' this year, in that I will be looking to have a chat with my old friends and play darts etc with them, but I also intend to play a few games. A trip down Ron Rayner's Dungeon is already organised (if he remembers to bring it with him, of course). See you there.

OGSCON

The weekend after GeordieCon, OGSCON is being held in the Students Union building at the University of Loughborough. You've heard me talk about the Overkill Games Service before, well this is the film of the book of the play, so to speak. It's the usual 'bring & play your own games' Con with the accent, I would anticipate, on SF and fantasy games. The organiser is Gavin Wynford-Jones of 37 Park Rd., Loughborough. Leics, from whom further details may be obtained if you let him have an SAE. I would like to say that I am going to be there, but I have the wife to think of, so I'll leave it at that and if she reads this, she'll know what is coming!

On the subject of OGS, though, I'm playing what at the moment is my favourite game with Chris Harvey. This is one of the computer-moderated games which he runs and it is called 'Starweb'. You start out with a single world in the galaxy and you aim to explore and colonise/conquer a sizeable portion of the rest. Each world has a certain number of connections with other worlds and you can travel up to three worlds at a time. The players are all pursuing particular objectives in that they are pirates, merchants, empire builders, artifact collectors, apostles or berserkers. Berserkers get points for destroying human population and converting a world to being purely populated by robots and apostles have the similar aim of converting the population of a world to their own religion. Empire builders want to control as many people as possible whilst merchants get their points from transferring goods from A to B. These goods are 'raw materials' which are used to build ships. All ships that want to move have to form a fleet attached to a key. Only keys with ships attached are able to move from world to world.

Some worlds have artifacts on them. These are of interest to all players, who get points for collecting the ones which are particularly interesting to them eg merchants want golden items and shekels (I think). Artifact collectors get points for all the artifacts they can lay their hands on. As a pirate, I want to control as many keys as I can and I also plunder worlds to get points. I doubt that I stand any chance of winning the game I'm in, because I have made too many mistakes already, but I am thoroughly enjoying myself and I can heartily recommend the game. It's not cheap to play, though.

The 1979 7th Annual Postal Diplomacy Magazine Poll
(commonly known as The Zine Poll)

is go for lift-off and votes should be sent to Mick Bullock, 14 Nursery Avenue, Halifax. W. Yorkshire HX3 5SZ. If you don't already receive New Statsman, an SAE will get you the relevant pages of NS7 when it is published. 19p in stamps will get you the entire issue.

Votes should be awarded within the range 10(high) to 1(low) to one place of decimal. You should see at least two magazines in order to vote. There were some complaints last time about people voting for magazines that they don't subscribe to/trade with, but Mick acknowledges that there are some who will regularly see a zine from a friend of theirs (or whatever). If you don't subscribe to a zine, but are voting for it, you would be advised to state how you get to see it regularly as some editors may give Mick a list of subscribers so that he can invalidate the vote of anyone not on the afore-mentioned list.

Although many would call it an arbitrary division, the poll is for zines carrying postal Diplomacy games and you should, in as unbiased a way as you can, vote only on the Diplomacy section of any zine which carries other games. New Statsman itself is ineligible as far as voting is concerned as are any zines which have not published 5 issues by the poll deadline or which have not produced an issue for the last four months. AZOTT is considered to be eligible, though, as it is only really Intente with a new name. Subzines should be rated in the vote for the parent zine. Hmm - no subzines in T at the moment - what a drag. It does annoy people so....

The results will be analysed in three ways. The average vote (ie total marks divided by number of voters) is probably the best, but there will also be the positional system (each zine gets a mark for every zine it is placed above in your list) and an analysis of preferences ie the number of times a particular zine is placed higher in the votes than another zine. If you have a copy of last year's poll results, you'll know exactly what to expect. You are also invited to allocate 10 points between the three systems of analysing the results to indicate which one(s) you prefer.

DEADLINE: Saturday May 26th.

P.S. Only UK and Eire zines are eligible.

I've been looking through the zines I receive with a view to preparing a preliminary listing from which I'll work to produce the final order and the first impression I get is that the overall standard of zines is higher this year than any other year in which I have voted. There are no really poor zines (although I don't receive all that are published in the UK - something I ought to remedy, but apathy rules....) and I am finding it very hard to separate many of those 'in the pack'. In previous years, I have tried to vote each zine as I believed it deserved because, like most players, I have a decided preference for those zines I'm playing in, which isn't really fair on the others, although I expect that it evens out in the long run.

I haven't had much trouble picking the top couple of zines. My preferences in that respect have been expressed frequently enough for you to know that Greatest Hits and Callimachufry are going to feature at the top of my list. Dolchstoss is going to come close behind these two as, despite recent long lapses between issues, I still find that Richard is the most entertaining writer we have and I really enjoy his bridge notes (especially when 'Rostus' features in them). The rest divide into approximately four groups: MrG, FCE, PTN and Pygmy form the first. Filibuster, Chimaera, IE and Meg the second. Then there's a larger group containing Bron Yr Aur, RRR, Rhubovia, Whiskey Mac, HtL and Gummi and finally Griffin, Herald, Ethil, AnT, AZOTT bringing up the rear. Now I appreciate that I am ~~probably~~ certainly doing injustice to some of those zines, but I have to put them in the order in which I enjoy them. Hmm, perhaps AnT should go up a bit - you see it's by no means settled yet and my indecision is considerable.

Last year T came 6th in the positional system and about 10th on votes cast. I would be happy if we were able to repeat that this year, but I doubt that we will. It doesn't particularly matter, of course, but it does give your ego a distinct boost if you do well. However you are going to vote for T, I would ask you to vote. The more people that vote, the more representative the result is going to be.

We Apologise for the Delay, but....

155 B - Round 10

10) Preston - London SDR 20-6=14; PASS 10+6=16
 20) Manchester - Gloucester MARS 20; FET 10
 21) Coventry - York SDR 20-4=16; PASS 10+2-2=10; LOVE 0+2+1-2=1
 22) Bristol - Hull FET 20+4-4-3-2=15; SDR 10+4-4-2=8; LOVE +2+2=4; MARS +3
 23) Loughborough - Leyland LOVE (Hull) 20; MARS (L'pool) 10+2=12; PASS (L'pool) 0-2=-2
 24) Loughborough - Peterborough FET 20-4=16; LOVE 10+4=14
 SDR (London) 0
 Rankings: FET 41, SDR 41, LOVE 39, MARS 35, PASS 24.

Builds: FET (I25)-I20 = 3+1 to CAR. (I41)-I45 = 1+1 to LOVE. (J8)-J7 = 1+1 to MARS. 8.
 PASS (O54)-O57-257 = 4+2 to SDR. (461)-O60 = 2. Total 8.

Scores:
 SDR 154 + 41 + 3 = 198 (Paul Ward, purple)
 LOVE 156 + 39 + 1 = 196 (Jon Love, green)
 MARS 118 + 35 + 1 = 154 (John Marsden, orange)
 PASS 87 + 21 + 2 = 110 (Tom Fletcher, black)
 FET 12 + 41 + 8 = 61 (Harry Turner, red)

For Round 11

2) 13-12 London - York
 20) 51-22 Birmingham - Sheffield
 21) 55-16 Liverpool - Nottingham
 22) 15-61 Doncaster - London
 23) 71-21 Bolton - Leeds
 24) 52-44 Birmingham - Leicester
 Builds: up to 6 points.
 An unusual set of mostly short runs.

John M: Your statistics aren't too good. There was 1 chance in 9 of it happening - not "impossible"!

156 D - Round 7

1) Gainsby - Bradford CARROT 20
 2) Liverpool - Stoke L&L 20-4=16; MOLE 4
 3) London - Oxford L&L 20+4=24; FB 10-10
 4) Bolton - Hull CARROT 20
 5) London - Coventry FB 20; L&L 10
 6) Preston - Birmingham FB 20 5+4=9; L&L 10+6=16; MOLE +3+5=11

Rankings: L&L 54, FB 44, CARROT 40, MOLE 12.

Bids for MOLE's Tracks

	B	CARROT	FB	
A	11	8	-	So FB gets 3 lots, CARROT 1. Note that A finishes at J73, 2 short of London. Section A was one that FB didn't dare let CARROT have yet both bid surprisingly low for it. C fitted in well with all 3 networks.
B	11	15	-	
C	27	8	22	
D	11	8	-	

Builds: FB (J73)-J74-144 6+1 to CARROT. (461)-B3 1+1 to MOLE +1 to L&L. (F13)-H12 2+1 to MOLE +1 to CARROT. (Leicester)-E60 1. Total cost 15.
 L&L (F6)-Preston 2. (C61)-Coventry 2. (Leeds)-H3 1+1 to MOLE. Total 7.

Scores:
 CARROT (Jason O'Wen, blue) 71 + 40 = 111 + 2 = 98
 FB (Bob Brown, black) 48 + 41 = 89 + 15 = 28
 L&L (Chirpa's Fletcher, red) 13 + 54 = 67 + 6 = 61

For Round 8

1) Lincoln - Wolverhampton
 2) Burnley - London
 3) Birmingham - Manchester
 4) York - Gloucester
 5) Sheffield - Peterborough
 6) London - Birkenshaw
 FB 31.8 - Held over (Irish postal strike). Orders received from all except Gordon.
 Build: P.C. Gamestart: Jonathan Paley, Deryk Dovey, Brian Williams, Harry Turner, David Davis - preferences please for start town (New Orleans, Chicago, Memphis, Milwaukee) and colour (black, orange, red, green, blue) for next time, please to RGL.

Jugular (1977 DX) - Final Statement

Zine: The Tinamou. GM: Bob Brown. Austria: Richard Pratt. England: Kevin McAdam. France: Eric Willis (dropped out Spring 1901), Geoff Hardingham. Germany: Don Brown. Italy: Greg Foster (dropped out Autumn 1908). Russia: Andy Norman. Turkey: Dave Browne.

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Austria	3	4	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England	3	5	4	4	3	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
France	3	5	6	6	8	10	11	14	15	16	16	19
Germany	3	4	3	2	2	2	3	1	0	-	-	-
Italy	3	4	5	6	7	7	6	5	4	4	3	1
Russia	4	6	8	8	6	7	8	8	9	8	7	6
Turkey	3	4	5	7	8	7	6	6	6	6	8	8

France - Geoff Hardingham (winner)

I took over this game in Autumn 1901 from Eric Willis, who had attacked 2 countries in his opening move and been attacked by the third. A little grovelling and some apparent retreats secured me Belgium and a breathing space to consolidate. A little later, Dave Browne organised (I think) an alliance between Kevin McAdam (England) and Don Brown (Germany) and sent me advance evidence of their attack! I pre-empted the attack and managed to take out England, using Germany as a buffer against Andy Norman's Russia, who was doing well about this time. Then, with some help from Italy, I took out Germany, and stopped Russia in the north. The win was now a matter of time and patience - I intended to blockade all the seas and go through the centre (Livonia and Polesia) to take out Russia. In fact it was rather quicker as Italy dropped out and let me through the south as well.

Thanks to all my opponents, especially Dave Browne and Andy Norman, for a good fighting game.

PS to Caliph Screwtape: I am still waiting for the dancing girls - they really would have saved the game earlier.

Turkey - Dave Browne (2nd)

Firstly, congratulations to France. He realised the potentialities of the situation, exploited the weaknesses of his opponents and won, which is what the game is all about - so well done France!!

However, the GM was correct in his comments. If Italy had played the man and not been a boy, then France would have come fourth. Even after that, had Russia worked with me rather than against me I could still have forced a three-way draw - but if's and but's do not make reality and the reality is France's deserved win. The laurel crown is his and he won it. In future, though, I shall demand written references from my opponents giving proof of their mature years and good gamesmanship. I invest too much time and money in my games to waste them on children. It is obviously becoming necessary for the hobby, however reluctantly, to give serious thought to some kind of elitist spin-off group.

For what it is now worth, my original plan was to ally firmly with Russia until midgame and then to stab him while re-allying with either England or Germany after persuading whichever of them to likewise desert their former allies. However, inept play by Germany and England's failure to ally with France saw Russia leaping ahead and Italy intervening in the Balkans. I was forced at this stage to stab Russia much too early to prevent his winning by 1907. I then played Italy and Russia one off against the other to allow France to become such a menace that these two would be obliged to form the 3-way alliance that I then proposed.

It was a sound plan and should have won, but my allies were putty and not flint and they simply folded up. I don't know why, they didn't bother to advise me of their reasons. They just disappeared - do I hear distant laughter from Edinburgh? But well done France, you are the first to defeat Screwtape, and well done Bob Brown for his usual high standard of GMing. Thank you.

Germany - Don Brown

Believe it or not, I enjoyed this game. Jugular was my first ever Diplomacy game and so I had to learn as much as possible as the game went on.

Needless to say, I didn't really know what I was doing most of the time, but when

Odium, Autumn 1907 (1977 JX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: F(Tun) & F(GOL) S F(TYR) which drops anchor and has shore leave,
(Geoff Chase) A(Tus) holidays in Italy, A(Pic) S F(MTH)-Bel, F(ENG) S A(Wal)-Lon,
F(Swe)-DAL

Germany: F(Lon)-MTH, A(Pol)-Bel, A(Mun)-Bur, A(Tyr)-Pic, A(Sil)-Mun, A(Bru)-Ber,
(Martin Feather) F(DAL)-Swe

Italy: F(Lon) S TURKISH F(ION)-TYR, F(Nap) S F(Rom), F(Ven) St and hopes to
(John Marsden) turn into a Haribian Aubergine, A(Sev) S TURKISH A(Rum)-Ukr

Russia: F(Den) S FRENCH F(Swe)-DAL, A(Lvn) & A(Mos) S A(War), A(War) S A(Lvn)
(Stephen Agar)

Turkey: F(ION)-Tun, F(Cre) & F(AEG) S F(LMS)-ION, F(BLA) S A(Rum), A(Arm)-Sny,
(Tom Doherty) A(Gal)-War, A(Ser)-Bud, A(Bud) St unordered

Hosties. German F(DAL)-Kic

Winter 1907

France: Bre, Mar, Fer, Spa, Lpl, Par, Fdi, Tun, Mar + Bel, Lon builds A(Mar), A(Par) for 11

Germany: Ber, Kic, Mun, ~~Hel~~, ~~Hel~~, ~~Hel~~ removes F(Kic), A(Ber), A(Mun) for 4

Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Sev no change for 4

Russia: Mos, StP, ~~Swe~~, Den + War builds A(StP) for 5

Turkey: Ank, Con, Sny, Bul, Ser, Cre, Tri, Vic, Bud + Rum builds A(Con) for 10

Odium players - Frank: Oy, get back to your own games!

France - Germany. It would appear that the AID (Artificial Insemination Department) are lacking in intelligence (information?).

France - the Sailor Turk. What a pity you have a limited stretch of water for all your fleets. I will send a unit over to build the Suez canal as an escape route for your gun boats. (You do appear to be up Italy's backside).

Secrets of Machine Intelligence (Edinburgh) Unveiled. No 1

Have you ever stopped to wonder why vast rewards are being offered to anyone who can disclose the secret blueprints of that nauseous entity known as the Haribian Aubergine? Well now, for the first time, we can reveal the motivation behind this strange offer. In its cups, the self-styled Supercomputer disclosed the true facts, after having been plied with multigrade by our dashing reporter at great personal risk.

The reality of the situation is, that due to its highly ineffective sensor system, that strange being the Supreme Aubergine has absolutely no idea what it is like. Of course, should it ever find out, the stark horror of these revelations might well fuse all its circuits (an excellent ending, no doubt). Oblivious to this danger, however, 'The Thing from the Multi-coloured Swap Shop' is frantically searching for its own likeness, by every means within its (rather limited) capabilities.

Our latest information is that one of its remote data-links had reached London and was vainly interrupting the National data banks, Westminster. The only visible result being to drive a noted bank clerk to career suicide and entering a monastery, accompanied by a quantity of Fringhams.

Supreme Aubergine - Italy: Your FREE SURPRISE is on its way! (I hope the P.O. will not refuse to send it to you.....)

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Jugular cont.

I was reduced to just the couple of units I knew exactly what I wanted to do.....survive! This taught me a most important lesson in Diplomacy; never give up!

Eventually though I was crushed, but my thanks go to everyone in this game who made it all worthwhile. Congratulations to Geoff on his win. Thanks Bob for GMing.

View from the Clouds

An interesting game to GM but which was completely screwed up when Italy dropped out - much to the obvious disgust of Dove. Still, all credit for trying to get the draw, but Andy wasn't prepared to forgive that early stab (he tells me) - hence his lack of co-operation. He hopes that all will be over and forgiven next time the two of you meet. Well done, Geoff, especially after taking over as standby.

Zephyr, Spring 1901 (1979 BR) CM: Bob Brown

<u>Austria:</u> (Kristian Morris)	A(Vie)-Tri, A(Lud)-Ser, F(Tri)-ADR	(0.8%)
<u>England:</u> (Chris Bishop)	F(Lon)-ENG, F(Edi)-WTH, A(Lpl)-Yor	(20.3%)
<u>France:</u> (Jeff Garrett)	A(Par)-Sar, A(Mar)-Spa, F(Fre)-ENG	(2.6%)
<u>Germany:</u> (Dave Thomas)	F(Kie)-Don, A(Ser)-Kie, A(Mun)-Muh	(41.6%)
<u>Italy:</u> (Dave Browne)	A(Ven) St, A(Rom)-Tus, F(Nap)-ION	(0.8%)
<u>Russia:</u> (Peter McDonald)	F(StP so)-GOB, A(War)-Ukr, A(Nos)-StP, F(Sev)-BLA	(6.8%)
<u>Turkey:</u> (Nick Sheers)	F(Ank)-BLA, A(Con)-Bul, A(Sby)-Con	(29.3%)

Screwtape Wellbeloved, the Magnificent, picked up two handfuls of letters and throw them all into the wastebasket with petulant annoyance.

"And just what am I supposed to make of that pack of lies and unsubtle propaganda?" he demanded irritably. "Dear God, you'd think they were all running for Parliament and in dire need of my vote from the promises they make and have no intention of keeping." He sighed and turned to the slim, dark, suave-looking gentleman who was standing at his side.

"Well, come on, Machiavelli," he rasped, "let's have some of that subtle scheming of yours. What have you got to suggest?"

The other shrugged his shoulders.

"Hang loose and stay cool," he replied. "See how the others form up, and act accordingly."

Screwtape snorted. "Brilliant - just brilliant - and this from the so-called finest political mind in Europe. With advice like this it is no wonder that Italy did so excellently in Jugular. You'd better do better than that this time, my boy. Because I can make supper with the Berrias look like a vicarage tea party. Be warned."

Machiavelli looked startled. "But your Magnificence," he exclaimed, "I can only work in accordance with the materials to hand. In the example you cite not even I could make a silk purse from a sow's ear."

Screwtape nodded his head in agreement. "Or a man from a boy" he added, "Or a diplomacy player from a dog's turd - quite so. But be advised, if Italy fails to win this time you, my lad, will end up a good "head" shorter than you are now." And he smiled winningly.

Turkey to Austria. Very well then, we are in agreement.

France to England. Your silence can only be construed as hostility. Be warned, I have friends.

Russia to France: Why not, it seems to make sense - I agree.

England - France. Why should I bother to write to a dead man.

Italy - Germany. It would be only common courtesy to answer my letters - so how about it - you can write and read I take it?

Austria to Italy: Get stuffed.

Italy to France. I have this feeling that we are going to need each other. How do you feel about that - seriously!!

Russia to Turkey. The Black Sea is mine. Keep out or else; and don't count on Italy for help, he is going to have his hands full.

Appendix. The %ages after the above moves show their frequency in the last Spring 1901 opinion's survey. Couple of unusual ones from Italy and Austria.

Verity, Spring 1904 (1978 GJ)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(Tri)-ADR, A(Gal)-Vic, A(Tud) S RUSSIAN F(Sev)-Rum, F(Gro) S A(Ser)-Bel
(Fin Sharrock)

England: F(SKA)-IFTH, F(ITH)-ENG, A(Yor) St
(Chris Bishop)

France: A(Bro)-Pic, A(Jur) S A(Bro)-Pic, A(Pic) S GERMAN A(Mun)-Tyr, F(MIS) S
(Harry Furkin) F(TYR)-Fun

Germany: A(Mun) S A(Mel)-Bur, F(Hel)-Bel, A(Kie) S A(Den) St, A(Boh)-Vic
(John Foulger)

Italy: A(Ven) S F(Hap)-Rom, F(Tun)-ION, A(Syr)-Arm, F(Smy)-Con
(Giff Chase)

Russia: F(MAR) S F(War) S A(Fin)-Swe, A(Pas)-War, A(Ukr) S F(Sev)-Rum
(Jeremy Tullatt)

Turkey: A(Bul)-Ser, A(Lnk) S F(Con)-Smy
(Chikakoatcher)

Hosties. French A(Bur)-Cas. Italian F(Smy)-AEG. Turkish A(Bul)-Con.

France - Germany: Suggest we co-operate. If interested please contact the new Imperial
Residence in northernmost England (England is a general term for UK).

Italy - France: Napoleon is welcome to Elba. He might even take up residence in Tunis,
but he will take up residence in Italy over my dead body, and meet his Waterloo in the
process.

RUSSIA - ENGLAND - You want some action? You'll get it - get ready to defend Britain!

JEREMY - "JEREMY". If you must write my press for me, please get your facts right. I
was twenty, and have been for some months, and I am certainly not considering resignation!

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Kyte, Spring 1910 (1977 BY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri), A(Bud), A(Gal), A(Rum), A(Lvn) stand
(Anarchy)

France: F(WTH) S A(Bel)-Hel, A(Ipl) S A(Pdi)-Cly, F(ENG)-MAO, A(Par)-Cas, F(MAR)
(Stephen Andrews) S F(Har)-Spr sc, F(MAF) S F(ENG)-MAO, A(Pic)-Ven, A(Ven)-Arm, A(Mun)-Tyr,
A(Vic) S GERMAN A(Sil)-Gal

Germany: A(Pic) St, A(Tor)-Sil, A(Sil)-War, A(War)-Ukr, A(Stf)-Cas
(Graham Cox)

Russia: F(War) stands
(Anarchy)

Turkey: A(Cly) St, F(MAR)-Par, F(Tun) St, F(Rom) St, F(ION) S F(Tun), A(Ser) S
(Mike Johnson) A(Bul)-Rum, A(Lnk)-Arm, F(Con) stands unordered

Hosties. Austrian A(Rum) chopped. Turkish F(Cly)-MAO.

Unleash. Last time's proposal was defeated, but has been replaced by another which puts
France 1st, Germany 2nd and Turkey 3rd. I wouldn't expect that to succeed, but anyway,
votes next time please, failure to vote counts for the proposal.

FRANCE to AUSTRIA. I know your last PM was due to postal troubles Arthur, and you'll
probably be back in the game this time. This is why I regret having to take your supply
centres, because if I don't, then Turkey will. Sorry old mate.

Reply to Graham. The alliance still stands, DESPITE Unicorn..... and your selling me
arms of ~~1/1/1~~ ~~1/1/1~~ bear from the off-licence I told YOU about!

to TURKEY. DAMN YOU, DON'T YOU KNOW YOU'VE LOST? WHY DON'T YOU DIE?

Ulysses, November 1890, Definitive Mercator

GM: Bob Brown

Argentina: F(HUM) S A(HUM) L Haw, A(Wel) B F(GIS), F(TIM) S A(Pth), A(Cgo) St,
(Jon Love) F(Phi) S A/F(GIS)-CPO, A(CPO) D Osa, A(HUM) D Haw

Austria: A(Boh) S A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Gal) S A(Sar)-Run, A(Clu) S A(Gal), F(IOW) S
(Ian Doherty) ITALIAN F(TYS)

Brazil: A(HAT) L NeY, A(GHS) L Tan, A(CAN) L Azo, F(CAN)-Por, A(NeY) St, F(CAN) S
(Don Brown) USA F(HAT), A(Azo) St, F(GHS) S TURKISH F(SOM)-WIO, A(Moz) St, F(Ama)-Rec,
A(Tan) St, F(SAO) S F(GHS), A(NeY) E USA F(HAT), A/f(HAT)-GRA, A(Moz) S
F(GHS)

China: F(CEL)-Nor, F(SCS)-Sai, A(Tho)-Joh, A(Shn)-Bma, A(Sik)-Can, A(Ksu)-Hon
(Jeremy Tullott)

England: A(ENG) L Bre, F(ENG) S A(Bre) S ITALIAN A(Lyo)-Par, A(Del) St, F(SKL)-
(Doug Wakefield) Nor, F(GOS)-Joh, A(Mun) S RUSSIAN A(Sax)-Boh, A(GRA) L NeY, F(GRA) S
A(NeY) S BRAZILIAN A(Flo)-Ken, F(BIS) MS A/F(MAO), A(NEO) D F(GRA),
F(NWP)-Que

France: A(Par) S A(Gas)-Lyo, F(Can) St
(Nick Robson)

Germany: A(Nor)-Swe, A(Juh)-Hol, A(Pic) S ITALIAN A(Lyo)-Par
(Peter Wynn)

India: F(Pdg)-SON, F(WIO) S A(WIO) L Cey, F(EIO) S F(Syd)-Pth, A(Tib)-Bma
(Chris Bishop)

Italy: A(TYS) L Nap, A(Sar) B F(TYS), A(Apu)-Bel, A(Nap) St, F(Mar) St, A(Spa)-
(Stuart Daggar) Gas, A(Lyo)-Par, A(Sev)-Lyo, F(MAJ) S F(WMS)-CAN, A/F(TYS)-DOT, A(BOT) D
Cre

Japan: F(CHA) S A(CHA) L Clf, A(NOM) L Van, A(Van) S ENGLISH F(NWP)-Que,
(Tom Dutcher) A(Clif) St, F(NOM) S F(CPO) St, A(Sud)-Cgo

Russia: F(Fin se)-Swe, A(Sax)-Ber, A(Sil) & A(War) S A(Rum)-Gal, A(Sev) S A(Vol)-
(Andy Norman) Cau, A(Ukr) S A(Sev), A(Pek) & A(Snk) S A(lMo)-Ksu, A(Shn)-Can, A(SKA) L
Don, A(Den)-Kie, A(Oms)-Sib, A/F(YEL)-ECS, A(RCS) D Kob

Turkey: A(Nep) S A(Del)-Cle, A(Cey) St, A(Cou)-Tkn, A(Bul) & F(BLA) S AUSTRIAN
(John Marsden) A(Sar)-Run, A(Cre) St, F(Egy) S A(Fez)-Sud, F(Eth) S F(ARA) S F(SOM)-WIO,
F(RED)-Yem

USA: Brazilian A(HAT) L NeY, F(Clif) St, A(Que)-Chi, A(Flo)-Ken, F(HAT) S
(Geoff Hardingham) Brazilian A(NeY), Brazilian A(NeY) E F(HAT), A/F(HAT)-GRA

Nasties. Austrian A(Gal) chopped, NRO. French A(Gas) annihilated, A(Fer) chopped, NRO.
German A(Nor) annihilated. Indian F(WIO)-Mlr. Japanese A(Sud)-Ken. Turkish A(Cey)
annihilated. USA F(Clif)-Ore.

Prolech. Apologies for a small error last time - the US move A(Flo)-Tex should have
been underlined. I was only told on deadline day, but it's not too important, so it's
not worth holding the game over or anything like that.

Gló to gallant sailors: As winter draws on
The Atlantic grows rough and fierce.
Yet the Brazilian
Sailors battle on, as much against the sea
As the Englishmen.

Glancing to the east,
They hope soon to see Italians,
Fresh from their feast
Of Frenchmen, come sailing to aid
Against the Wakefield beast!

December 1890 Adjustments

Argentina:	Buc, San, Tuc, Lin, Tah, Bog, Wel, Phi	+ Bth, New	builds F(Tuc), A(Buc)	for 10
Austria:	Zag, Vio, Bud, Tri, Clu, Ser	+ Hun	builds A(Bud), A(Tri)	for 7
Brazil:	Bec, Rio, Igu, Nig, Uru, For, Saf, Azo, Cub, Gui	+ Tan	builds A(Rio), A(Lma)	for 11
China:	Can, Han, For, Wtn, Ser, Sha	+ Sai, Tha	builds F(For)	for 8
England:	Lon, Edi, Wls, Joh, Lpl, Ice, Que, Don, X/L , A/L , X/L , X/L	+ Bre, Bel, Hun, Nor	no change	for 12
France:	X/L , B/L , P/L , Can		no change	for 1
Germany:	X/L , B/L , A/L	+ Hol	removes A(Hol)	for 1
India:	Mad, X/L , Syd, Madg, X/L , Jaw	+ Cey	CM removes F(EIO)	for 5
Italy:	Nap, Lib, Rom, Bol, Mar, Tur, Spa, Mir, Lya, Sar	+ Par, Gre	builds F(Apu), A(Pic)	for 12
Japan:	Tok, Osa, X/L , Hii, Ato, Kar, X/L , X/L , Van	+ Clf	builds F(Osa)	for 7
Russia:	StP, Vlo, Mos, War, Sev, Oms, Nor, Man, Oms, X/L , Snk, X/L , Pek, Shy, Pos, Sve	+ Ksh, Kie, Ber	builds F(Liv)	for 17
Turkey:	Smy, Dam, Bag, Can, Ank, Bul, Ecy, Gre, Iro, X/L , Bth, X/L , Del	+ Cle, Tkn, Yem	builds A(Arm), F(Sak)	for 14
USA:	NoY, X/L , Kan, Tex		removes F(Ore)	for 3

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Rosie - The Papa - My fleet is at your command.

Turkey - Rosie: How clever of you to know that I keep my harem in Muscat. Welcome!

The Yemen: The Sultan saluted stiffly as his royal standard joined the Yemeni flag on the flagpole. Then, turning to the Yemeni king he said: "You appreciate my genuine sorrow at ending your honourable independence in this manner. However, in view of the Jordanian's pro-Argentinian tendencies, it is vital that your support in foreign affairs is secured. I will, of course, personally guarantee your integrity in internal affairs. Allah be praised!"

English

I'm rather pleased with the way that this game is progressing. As Doug predicted this Worcester mark does seem to be better balanced than most of the other marks. The Key Rule seems to be having a marked effect in this game - Japan has suffered for not remembering this rule and may now be regretting her commitment in America following the Russian stab. But has Russia taken on too much? Every one of her neighbours has either attacked or been attacked by her. England and Japan will both be looking to pull some of their forces back home to defend against the stab from Russia and with Turkey and Austria having got it together at last, the Russian stabs this time could be premature. And you, Japan has also got Argentina to worry about and Italy, after a poor start (I liked the poem about Arthur and the lion last time), is starting to look threatening, both in the north and in the east. It's nice to see the two South American countries doing well for a change and it just goes to show what they can do if they agree to work together right from the start. So I guess that one would have to say that Ulysses is quite delicately poised at the moment. Six countries into double figures, but no-one with a definite lead. Yeah, looks good - keep it up men.

NGC 215, Spring 1910

GM: Ron Fisher

England: F(MAO)-MAO, F(Wal)-ENG, A(Cly) S F(Edi) St, F(DAL) S A(Den)-Kie, A(Pru)-
(Hugh Baldwin) Ber, A(Nor)-Swe

France: A(Ruh) S A(Ber)-Kie, A(Mun)-Beh, A(Ven)-Tri, A(Tyr) S ITALIAN A(Tri)-
(George Kingston) Vie, F(Apu) S ITALIAN F(ION), F(MAO)-IRI, F(ENG)-IRI, F(NTH)-SIL,
F(Yor)-NTH

Italy: A(Tri)-Vie, F(ADR) & F(Nap) S F(ION) St
(Ien McIntyre)

Turkey: A(Bul)-Rum, A(Beh)-Mun, A(Bud) S A(Ser)-Tri, A(Vie)-Tyr, F(Alb)-ADR,
(Pat Jones) F(EMS) & F(Gre) S F(AEG)-ION, F(Con)-AEG

Retreats. Turkish A(Vie)-Gal.

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Caradharas, Spring 1907 (1978 DK)

GM: Bob Brown

England: A(Wal) St, F(Lpl) S F(HWG)-NAO, F(NTH) S F(Lon)-ENG, A(Mos) St, F(Swe)-Den
(Alan Lennox)

France: F(MAO)-IRI, F(Bre)-MAO, F(ENG)-Lon, A(Hol) St, A(Kie)-Den, F(Den)-SKA,
(Larry Edgar) A(Ber)-Kie, A(Sil) S ITALIAN A(Vie)-Gal, A(Mun)-Rum, A(Tyr)-Mun,
F(ION) C ITALIAN A(Nap)-Alb

Italy: A(Vie)-Gal, A(Tri) & F(ADR) S A(Nap)-Alb, A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Rom)-Ven
(Bob Johnsey)

Russia: A(Liv)-Mos, A(Bud) & A(War) S A(Ukr)-Gal, A(Ank) S A(Sev)-Arm, A(Ser) S
(Phil Bass) A(Bud), A(Cre)-Alb, F(Bul sc)-AEG

Turkey: A(Arm)-Smy
(Don Brown)

Hosties. French F(ENG)-Bel.

St. Petersburg to The Grand Old Duke of York. Make up your mind!

Paris - London: If you wish to sail your toy boats in "Le Manche", "il ne fait pas rien", but don't expect a refit in Brest.

England - World: Soon as Russia's phone starts working, France's goes on the blink.

England - France: Sounds OK, but I'll just make sure.

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Cybercrud 3, Spring 1907

GM: Ron Fisher

Austria: A(Smy)-Con, F(Cre)-AEG, A(Tyr)-Vie, A(Ven)-Pie, F(TYS)-WMS, F(ION)-Tun,
(Andy Holbern) A(Ron)-Nap, A(Rum)-Gal, A(Bud) S A(Bul)-Rum

England: F(StP nc) S F(Nor) S FRENCH F(Yor)-NTH, F(NTH)-HEL, F(ENG)-MAO, A(Hol) S
(Doug Weakteeth) GERMAN A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Edi)-Yor

France: A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Par)-Gas, A(Mar)-Pie, F(Bel) S ENGLISH A(Hol), F(Yor)-NTH,
(Allan Ovens) F(MAO)-WMS

Germany: F(Den) & F(HEL) S F(SKA)-NTH, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ruh
(Richard Sharp)

Italy: F(Tun) S F(Nap)-TYS
(Stu Dagger)

Russia: A(Sev)-Rum, A(War) S A(Ukr)-Gal
(Willy Haughen)

Turkey: A(Con) S F(AEG)-Bul sc
(Dave Johnson)

Retreats: English F(NTH)-Lon.

Cybercrud 3 Bourse, Spring 1907

GM: Bob Brown

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
Geoffrey Fourmyle	+1084	-499	-500	-500	-	-	-
Bozoco Inc	+406	+1001	-500	-500	-499	-500	-
John Marsden	+499	+741	-500	-356	-500	-500	-
Scrooge & MarleyNo transactions requested.....						
Garfield ButlerNo transactions requested.....						
Dealings	+1989	+1242	-1500	-1356	-999	-1000	-
Old value	2.42	1.69	2.07	1.49	0.56	1.23	1.45
New value	2.61	1.81	1.92	1.36	0.47	1.13	1.45

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>	<u>V. Points</u>
G. Fourmyle	7932	999	2133	206	0	0	0	980
Bozoco Inc	4673	2600	2089	1032	501	2500	0	871
J. Marsden	2548	3941	4822	0	503	2500	0	857
S & M	4540	1151	1293	1314	0	0	0	653
G. Butler	1666	2047	1127	3966	0	0	0	541

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BGC 221, Spring 1908 (1978 IX)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Uar) & A(Mos) S A(Ukr) St
(John Foulger)

England: IMF! F(Bre), A(Pic), F(NDH), F(NEG) stand unordered
(Graham Hewitt)

France: A(Gas)-Bre, F(HEO)-IMI, F(WEG)-MAG
(Granville Williamson)

Germany: A(Tar) S A(Bel)-Pic, A(Hel) St, A(Mun)-Bur, A(Kie)-Den, A(War) St, A(Sil)
(David Parry) St, A(Swe) S F(Nor) St

Italy: A(Pic)-Ven, F(TYR)-COL, F(Tun)-TYR
(Paul Jones)

Turkey: F(OLA) S A(Sev) St, A(Iud) & A(Run) S A(Col) St, A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Tri)-Ven,
(Francis Weaver) F(Wen)-Apu, F(ION)-Nap, A(Jul)-Ser, F(Sny)-EMS, F(AEG)-ION

Husties: English A(Pic) annihilated.

England: I have a devious plan which I can't stop chuckling over. Chuckle!...Chuckle!
It's this. I will make sure Turkey has an easy win in no time at all, by taking St.T.
off Austria, thus letting my yellow friend take over Hussia and probably most of the
rest of Europe. Aren't I clever! Chuckle!...Chuckle!!

Remember the halcyon days of Scotch when press releases reported the desperate
struggles of High Noon and Johnny Midnight? What has happened to all that romantically
fashioning literature? Could it be that Purple Pet the leprechaun Czar was the sole
perpetrator of all that, and since his demise, not further wit has managed to give
anything remotely amusing. Thumbin' through the last issue of the Timmer I noticed a
slightly rearranged nursery rhyme, and so I propose some kind of a competition, just to
show that we, in the novice class of Diplomacy players, can match all the others of
long-standing experience in the game as press-writers extraordinaire. Answers to the
rhyme competition by next month please, on the back of an old issue of Scotch (preferably
Hlenfidich).

Russia - Turkey: Now in the name of hell I am supposed to help.

France - Italy - thanks mate!

Hapsburg - Abdul - Sorry! I don't double deal in your tongue.

Turkey to Europe: Why has Austria become strangely silent? Could it be that he has been
unable to take his foot out of that abnormally large mouth he possesses?

Wezand, Spring 1903 (1978 GU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tyr), A(Dud), A(Ser) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

England: NMR! A(Lpl), F(HWG) stand unordered
(Ray Harper)

France: F(Mar)-COL, A(Spa)-Mar, F(IRE) S A(Vol)-Lpl, F(ENG) S GERMAN F(Hol)-NTH,
(Ian McIntyre) A(Lon) St

Germany: F(NTH)-Don, A(Yor)-Edi, A(Gal) St, F(Hol)-NTH, F(Kic)-BAL, A(Mun)-Boh
(Vic Smith)

Italy: A(Ven)-Pic, A(Tri) S A(Tyr)-Vie ((you haven't got a piece in Tyr)),
(Ian Doherty) F(Alb)-ION, F(Tun)-WMS, F(Nap)-TYR, A(Apu) st unordered

Russia: F(Rum) S F(Sev)-BLA, A(Gal)-Vie, A(Ukr) S F(Rum), A(Mos)-Sev, F(Swe) S
(John Miller) A(Mor) St

Turkey: F(AEG)-Con, A(Tul)-Rum, F(BLA) St, A(Arm)-Sev
(John Miller)

Hasties. English A(Lpl) chopped - NRO.

Italy - Turkey - Better? But Greece is mine OR ELSE!

Constantinople - Moscow: Has nobody told you that small is beautiful?

Turkey - Italy: Of course I didn't stab you! How could I?

Caliph - Kaiser: How do you fancy Paris in the Autumn?

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Alubarb, Spring 1905 (1976 BY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(Nap), A(Tri), A(Vie), A(Dud) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

England: F(NTH), A(Mor), F(Swe) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

France: F(Ire)-ENG, A(Pic) & A(Par) S A(Gas)-Bur, A(Mar)-Pic, F(Tun)-TYR
(John Jones)

Germany: A(Gal) St, A(Ruh) St, A(Mun) S A(Ber)-Sil, F(SKA) S A(Den)-Swe
(Harry Turner)

Italy: A(Ven), A(Tyr) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

Russia: A(Mos), A(Ukr), A(Gal) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

Turkey: F(ION) C A(Cre)-Apu, A(Ser) S A(Tri) ((you must give the nationality
(Chris Bishop) of the unit if it's not yours)), A(Rum)-Ukr, F(BLA) C A(Con)-Rum,
F(Smy)-AEG, F(EMS) S F(ION), A(Sev) S A(Rum)-Ukr ((no such unit))

Hasties. English F(Swe) chopped, NRO.

MONEY: 1½ years, more likely. Meanwhile, look South-east - the yellow peril is gaining momentum.

Prelech. Hmmm, four countries in anarchy is most disappointing. I feel that I ought to offer you another game to replace this one if you wish it. That's what I did when we had a similar situation in Quantum, so I must do the same here. So, I propose that the game be ended as a three-way draw between the survivors and I will then give you a free (naturally) gamestart as recompense. Please let me know how you feel about this idea - if I don't get an outright rejection, I'll assume that you are in agreement. You had better let me know, if the finish is OK with you, whether you would prefer not to be in the same gamestart as either or both of your protagonists.

Xyster, Spring 1903 (1978 JI)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri)-Alb, A(Vie)-Gal, A(Jud)-Hum, F(ION)-AEG, A(Lul)-Ser, A(Run)-Ukr
(Peter Ayre)

England: F(IRC)-Wal, A(Lon)-Yor, F(PTH) S A(Swe)-Den, F(Nor) S F(NTH)
(Dave Tucker)

France: A(Pic)-Bre, F(THI)-Lpl, F(GOL) S A(Spc)-Mor, F(WIS)-TYS
(Paul Ward)

Germany: A(Eur)-Gas, A(Del)-Pic, F(Hun) S A(Rub)-Pur, F(Rol)-Bel, F(Den) St
(Chris Bishop)

Italy: A(Maf) St, F(TYR) S F(Tun)-WTS, A(Pic)-Mor
(Gordon Geddes)

Russia: A(War)-Gal, A(Nos)-Ukr, F(StF sc)-GOE
(Gary Murkin)

Turkey: F(AEG) & A(Cen) S A(Cre)-Gal, A(Arm)-Sev, F(Sev)-DLA
(Bob Larter)

Hostiles: French F(WIS)-MAO. German F(Den) chopped, HRO.

London - The French Government: Sorry about not answering your letter, but I've been sitting exams all this month. However, as you are probably aware, and taking into account all reports on French navigational prowess, we are NOT happy with the position of one of your fleets. We can only hope that the situation has changed for the better this season.

London - The German Government: Our apologies, but blitzkriegs are not in fashion at the moment.

Czar Mark the 1st, the legendary general and ruler, whose every action brought disaster to the Russian people and armed forces was today restored to power after a bloodless coup. His return was greeted with delight by his faithful subjects. This is thought to be not so much of a reflection on Czar Mark himself but rather a desire for foreign occupation, under which the people's prosperity is greater. Czar Mark in response to queries concerning his attitude to other major powers stated:

England: A country worthy to occupy St Petersburg.

France: On the way out.

Germany: A ruler worthy to be an ally of the great Czar Mark.

Austria: A rogue not to be trusted.

Turkey: Another rogue.

Italy: A nonentity.

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England, Autumn 1901, Stab

GM: Bob Brown

Austria (Ian Deharty) A(Ser) S A(Ren), A(Run) S TURKISH F(WLA)-Gov.

England (Jeremy Tullett)

France (John James) A(Lar) S F(Bel) St

Germany (Gary Murkin) A(Den)-Swe, A(Rol)-Bel

Italy (Graham Box)

Russia (Mark Evans) F(Nor) S A(Swe) St, A(Sev)-Hum (retreats to 8)

Turkey (Dave Thomas) F(DLA) S F(Arm)-Sev

Builds: The consensus is that Winter 1901 and Spring 1902 should be combined, so that for this and future years, you should submit your builds along with your Spring orders and immediately move the pieces that you have built. Supply centre holdings are:

Austria 5, England 3, France 5, Germany 4, Italy 5, Russia 5, Turkey 5.

ENGLAND - FRANCE: I was tempted, but I decided not to.

Germany - England: 11.17.9/9.9.2/7.1.9/11.9.14.17.16/
2.1.8/7.13.25.21/1.21.18.19.16.11.1/
4.5.1.4!!!!

* You held: *

Tickle, Spring 1904 (1978 GB) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tyr), A(Tri), A(Ser), A(Gre) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

England: F(BAR) & A(Nor) S A(Fin)-StP, F(NTH) S F(Lel)-Hol, F(Den)-Swe
(Frank Dashwood)

France: A(Mar) S F(Spa sc) S F(Bre)-MLO, A(Gas) S A(Mar), A(Bur) S ENGLISH
(Martin Styler) F(Bol)

Germany: A(Ruh) S F(Hol) St, A(Mun)-Ber
(John Foulger)

Italy: A(Pie)-Mar, F(COL) S A(Pie)-Mar, A(Ven)-Tus, F(WMS)-Spa sc
(Don Brown)

Russia: F(Swo) St, F(StP sc) St, A(Mos) St, A(Sev) S F(Rum) St, A(Vic)-Bud,
(Dave Sharrocks) A(Sil)-Ber

Turkey: F(Bul sc) S F(BLA)-Con, A(Con)-Ank, A(Smy)-Arm
(Chris Bishop)

Nasties. Russian F(StP sc)-GOD.

Dear Frank, prepare to meet thy doom. Your secret location has been discovered, all ski routes to Austria have been closed! Feeble tactics of pretending to be a Mr. Murk Blurb (or some such) and misnumbering your ~~1/2~~ house obviously are insufficient to prevent the NIA (Namibian Intelligence Aubergine) from tracking you down. The wild NA's are even wilder in their excitement, and the imperturbable deadly killer robots are exhibiting a glimmer of interest - not for many nanoseconds has a protoplasm displayed such audacity as yourself against the mighty forces of

His Superlative, Supreme Aubergine.

King Frank the Good (Good?) - Er, of the Good Food Guide was carefully spooning in his third helping of Xmas pudding. (What, do you only have Christmas pud in December? - We enjoy it at Easter, Midsummer and Ashwood's day too, of course).

"Another helping, please," he mumbled to the Raasay Ranunculus and Lute Buttercup who were the serving-wenches on duty.

Licking the last of the Lemon Hart run off it, he spat a Muscat & Oman gold Ryal on to his silver side plate to join the three and a half sovereigns, five Krugerrands, two US Double Eagles and one Sierra 'Leone' which he had already gathered. At this rate, it would only take another two or three platefuls to amass enough Maundy money to balance the budget. Then he could start on the Chocolate Bunnies.

The Buttercup blanched, as a volley of sulfurous oaths came floating up a ventilating shaft.

"Ah, that is only Blue Pete Lindsay trapped on the third level by an earthquake and assailed by ghouls. I prefer being assaulted by girls," chuckled his Majesty, in jovial mood.

"But perhaps we should send someone to let him out, if he promises to get the Bron Yr Aur game adjudications right occasionally. Oaks has finished training the hamsters to pull down killer robots and aubergines. We'll send him - good family the Oaks, though not as noble as the Ashes, of course."

"Perhaps 'Rich Food Guide' might be more accurate," mused the Monarch, fishing out a George I guinea c.f., an Indonesian Gold Komodo Dragon and a couple of small ingots. "Could the royal dentist be up to something, perhaps?"

Dear Eggplant. Please check your 'D.K.R.' subroutines, as there appears to be a programming error. Although these peripherals are still iterating they have totally failed to converge. This inefficient use of central processor time is to be deprecated. Possibly your German S.W. African brinjals are unable to assimilate the lignified ashwood fibres? Xanthoxylum.

Fraxinus Excelsior to assorted Tsars. King (-), if you please, not King (?). Sorry you are short of Easter Eggs. You should have been on board HMS Claverhouse recently, where I raffled thirteen dozen Easter Eggs at a cocktail party in aid of K.C.F.S.

To France. Oh. What is the standard charge for calling you a s, l-l c?

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Caliph Screwtape Rtd. to King Frank

Alas, Dear Boy,

The family honour is in tatters. Turkey second (sob-sob) and you as England about to go the same way, but fight on lad - never give in - never say die - but I fear they won't let me in to "help" you neither as Turkey or Austria and I did ask but no go. Your affectionate Uncle Screwtape.

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Sauba, Spring 1905 (1978 EU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(Map) St, A(Ven) St, F(ADH)-ION, F(Tri) St, A(Bur)-Vie, A(Bul)-Rum,
(Chris Bishop) A(Gre) S A(Rum)-Ser

France: HMR! F(WES), A(Rom), A(Mar), A(Bur), A(Par), F(Fre), F(ENG), A(Bel), F(Eci)
(Kevin McAdam) stand unordered

Germany: F(NTH)-ENG, A(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Bel, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ruh
(Stewart Wright)

Italy: A(Tyr)-Vie
(Stephen Agar)

Russia: F(Nor) S F(SKA)-NTH, A(Swe) St, A(Nos)-War, A(Ukr) S A(Sev)-Rum
(John Hobson)

Turkey: A(Ser)-Gre, F(BLA) S A(Con)-Bul, A(Ank)-Con
(Peter McDonald)

Nasties. Austrian A(Bul) annihilated. French A(Bel) chopped, NRO. German F(NTH)-Lon.
Turkish A(Ser)-Alb.

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Waiting Lists

Regular Diplomacy (Gamefee 75p). Patrick McCarthy, Philip Jones, Chris Bishop, John Lee.
3 or 4 needed.

All-Winners Came (No gamefee). Jeffrey Garrett (see inside for more details).

Interstellar (Gamefee 75p). Under consideration (see inside again).

Railway Rivals (Gamefee 30p). No-one on the list at the moment, but please tell me which map(s) you are prepared to play on when/if you apply.

En Garde (Gamefee 50p, 20p per year after initial year). Contact Dave Waring.

Credit. If you've got enough you'll receive this issue, otherwise you won't, and I'll print the actual figure in the next issue.

Addendum

If you are reading this issue and it is the first you have seen of The Tinamou, don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like a more up-to-date copy. Gamefees are as stated above and it costs 25p per issue to subscribe (although this will be reduced every five issues or so, so that the cost works out more like $\frac{1}{2}$ p per side plus postage). We may not be as 'glossy' as some of the other zines and we may not be chockful of lively reading and scintillating wit, but we like to think that our games are well run and we don't have many complaints on that score. You really can't please all of the people all of the time. I often get complaints about the lack of reading matter in The Tinamou, but almost as often I get comments to the effect that such reading matter is superfluous, so it's heads you win, tails you lose. We'll stick with what we do best.

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